

These minutes summarize the MTCS component of the PIC Coaches Conference Call. The minutes for the balance of the PIC Coaches Conference Call are available at on HUD's Intranet site at hudweb.hud.gov/po/p/systems/pic/coach/conferencecalls.htm.

MTCS 2000 Update—Johnson Abraham

Johnson Abraham, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Administration/Chief Financial Officer, encouraged all MTCS Coordinators to become PIC Coaches. He stressed that everyone on the call should empower themselves and learn as much as they can about the systems under the Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Public and Information Center (PIC).

Johnson mentioned the industry consultation session HUD held on June 16, 2000. HUD held the meeting for three reasons. First, HUD presented a revised schedule for the implementation of the revised Form HUD-50058 and the updated Multifamily Tenant Characteristics System (MTCS)– MTCS 2000. Second, the meeting was an opportunity for HUD to share comments with national organizations that provided comments or whose members provided comments on the proposed revised Form in the Federal Register. Third, the meeting continued HUD's practice of consulting with Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and their representative organizations on enhancements to MTCS and PIH data systems.

HUD shared with industry representatives the:

- Decision to make September 1, 2000, the effective date for Form HUD-50058 (revised) and MTCS 2000. HUD will not accept Family Report data on the 10/99 version of the Form after September 1, 2000
- Plan to issue a Notice with the implementation timetable for MTCS 2000
- Incorporation of MTCS into PIC

HUD also informed the industry of HUD's decision to implement (score) the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) for PHAs beginning with those whose Section 8 program fiscal years begin October 1, 2000.

HUD hosted a vendor conference on June 19. Over 60 vendors participated in the conference. HUD mentioned that the MTCS 2000 test center will open around July 17, 2000. This test center will remain operational with the implementation of MTCS 2000.

Johnson expects to submit the revised Form HUD-50058 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by June 23, 2000. OMB should approve the form around July 31, 2000. PHAs should begin to submit the revised form to HUD on September 1, 2000. The last day that HUD will accept the current (10/99) form is August 31, 2000.

With the MTCS 2000 implementation, PHAs will have four ways to submit data:

- ASCII
- XML
- FRS 3.0
- On-line data entry

HUD has posted the draft Technical Reference Guide for MTCS 2000. HUD anticipates posting the draft Instruction Book for MTCS 2000 by June 30, 2000. Check the MTCS 2000 Web page for the publication at <http://www.hud.gov/pih/systems/pic/mtcs2000/>.

Sanctions—Pat Arnaudo

Pat Arnaudo, Senior Program Manager, reminded call participants that the next sanctions reporting period is June 2000. The forbearance and sanction policy under Notice PIH 2000-13 continues during the transition to MTCS 2000. Processing Guidelines for PIH Notice 2000-13 will be available shortly at www.hud.gov/pih/systems/mtcs/notice/pih99-2.html

Pat reminded callers to tell PHAs concerned about the December 2000 reporting period that they have several months before the reporting period ends. In addition, PHAs can request forbearance from sanctions by informing their Field Office or TARC in writing of their efforts to implement the revised Form and software.

Systems Update—Mioshi James

The national MTCS reporting rates are up to 94 percent for public housing and 97 percent for Section 8.

PHAs with Multiple PHA Numbers—Suzanne Olmstead

HUD asks that all PHAs with more than one PHA number e-mail Suzanne Olmstead with their PHA codes and a description of the circumstances that caused them to have more than one code. Suzanne's email address is Suzanne_Olmstead@hud.gov.

Public Housing Reform Act Training—Sarah Gibson

HUD will staff a diagnostic clinic at the Public Housing Reform Act (PHRA) resident trainings:

June 26-28, Dallas, TX
June 28-30, Dallas, TX
July 17-19, Kansas City, MO
July 19-21, Kansas City, MO

HUD will also hold MTCS sessions at the PHA trainings:

August 28-September 1, Atlanta, GA
September 18-22, Kansas City, MO

If you have questions about the MTCS PHRA training, please contact Sarah Gibson at: sarah_w._gibson@hud.gov.

Questions from Field Offices

Question: It looks like we will have a lot of reporting below 85% at the end of June because of bad numbers in HUDCAPs and in PIC. Will we be able to update these numbers before June 30, 2000?

Answer (Sue Loritz): To determine the MTCS reporting rate, HUD compares the number of families in MTCS to the average number of families in a PHA's program as of the approved last year end statement. Any PHA with an increase in the number of families this year compared to last year will thus not be hurt if its MTCS number from the last approved year end statement is smaller. PHAs with a decrease in the number of families since the previous year can submit evidence of the actual number of families assisted in its program, such as its Admin. Fee Supporting Statement indicating the number of housing assistance payment (HAP) contracts in force on the first of each month, or other accounting data concerning the number of units for which the PHA paid HAPs on the first of each month.

Question: When moving a participant from a Certificate to a Housing Choice Voucher, does that PHA need to submit an End of Participation? I have instructed PHAs that it is necessary because they have a new participant in the Voucher program with a new lease, HAP contract, etc. Is there an easier way?

Answer (Lori Feller): PHAs should not submit an End of Participation in this situation. PHAs should submit the regularly scheduled action, such as an annual reexamination, for the new Voucher. For more information, see the current Form HUD-50058 Instruction Booklet available at www.hud.gov/pih/systems/mtcs/document.html